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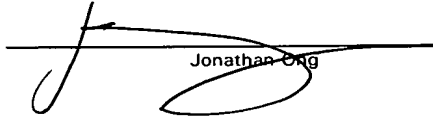
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are an Amendment, responsive to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2003 (12 pages), a supporting document and a return postcard. Because this response is made within three months of receiving the Office Action, no fee is due. However, should it be determined that a fee for filing these papers is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1213. If a Petition for extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

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Respectfully submitted,
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